

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Claim 1 (Previously presented) A slide fastener, wherein a reinforcement member is bonded to a fastener tape continuously along both outer sides of a fastener chain with a thermal welding resin film attached to the fastener tape continuously in a longitudinal direction thereof;

wherein the reinforcement member contains a concave mounting groove at least partially defined between an upper piece and a lower piece of the reinforcement member, and wherein the concave mounting groove is capable of receiving an attachment object;

wherein a concave groove for guiding a sewing thread is provided in a surface of the upper piece, and wherein a rear face of the lower piece forms a bonding face to the fastener tape; and

wherein the upper piece of the reinforcement member extends higher than a surface of the fastener elements attached to a center of the fastener chain.

Claim 2 (Canceled)

Claim 3 (Canceled)

Claim 4 (Original) A slide fastener according to claim 1, wherein the rear face of the reinforcement member is a flat bonding face.

Claim 5 (Canceled)

Claim 6 (Withdrawn) A manufacturing method of a slide fastener including the steps of:

molding a reinforcement member continuously; and
disposing a thermal welding resin film between the reinforcement member maintained at a high temperature and a fastener tape, said thermal welding resin film having a lower melting point, and bonding the reinforcement member with the fastener tape by melting and solidification of the thermal welding resin film.

Claim 7 (Withdrawn) A manufacturing method of the slide fastener according to claim 6, further including a step of attaching the thermal welding resin film to a surface of the fastener tape.

Claim 8 (Withdrawn) A manufacturing method of the slide fastener according to claim 7, wherein the thermal welding resin film has a separation film provided on the surface thereof, said manufacturing method further including a step of peeling off the separation film after water-repellent treatment is performed to the fastener tape.

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

Please delete Fig. 5 of the drawings.

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Figures 6, 7, and 8. In each of these revised figures, the label has been revised to account for renumbering of the figures after deletion of Fig. 5.

Attachments: Replacement Sheets